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# US Supreme Court reveals splits on health mandate



An opponent of U.S. President Barack Obama's health care reform

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US Supreme Court justice seen as a key swing vote challenged landmark health care reforms Tuesday, as arguments focused on whether Americans can be forced to buy health insurance.

On the second day of hearings likely to have a huge political impact, Justice Anthony Kennedy appeared skeptical about the constitutionality of President Barack

Obama's signature legislation.

"I understand that we must presume laws are constitutional, but, even so, when you are changing the relation of the individual to the government in this, what we can stipulate is, I think, a unique way, do you not have a heavy burden of justification to show authorization under the constitution?" Kennedy said.

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# Aruba's Department of External Affairs deliberated on the implementation of Human Rights Treatise



Olivia Croes, coordinator of the Commission on Human Rights of Aruba at the Department of External Relations, spoke, by invitation at a recent seminar organized by the Law Faculty of the University of Aruba.

During Olivia Croes' presentation, she shed light in general terms on the different treatise of the United Nations pertaining to human rights, which Aruba is expected to implement. The ESOCUL treaty is one such treaty which was already put into practice in Aruba as of January 1st, 1986.

Reportedly, whenever a country ratifies a treaty, it carriers certain obligations. It is in that context, with respect to the treatise that the International Committee of the United Nations has placed mechanisms of supervision based on the following format:

A. Regular reporting (every 4 years)

B. Discussion of the reports during a constructive dialogue with the international Committee.

The last discussion of the

ESOCUL report was held in Geneva, Switzerland in November 2010. An Aruban delegation was present at this gathering where they presented and elaborated on the Aruba report as part of a Dutch Kingdom delegation.

An Interdepartmental Commission on Human Rights was instituted in Aruba in 1993. This commission has the task of reporting on treaties in force on Aruba, and to advise the government regarding human rights matters. In addition, the Commission has the task of providing the community

at large with information and to promote the awareness of human rights matters in general on the island.

Olivia Croes in her presentation also focused on the implementation of the human rights that are anchored in the Human Rights Treaty, such as the rights related to social security, the right to education, the right regarding the equality of men and women, and family rights, which include, among others, legislation on the matter of domestic violence

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# Final weekend to spread the goodies to save On water and electricity



Since joining the "Together We Can Save" Team, EPI student volunteers have added tremendously to the success of the campaing to make consumers conscious of ways to reduce the consumption of water and electricity. The results of this campaign has been very successful and impacting in all our barrios. For the last two weekends the large group of EPI students have been handing out bags containing articles that can be used to reduce the monthly cosumption of water and electricity.

On this last Saturday of March and on Sunday, April 1st, from 9:00 in the morning the energetic group of EPI students together with the Hunto Nos Ta Spaar Team will hit the srteets again. This time they will be headed to San Nicolaas, leaving the San Nicolaas YMCA for the San Nicolaas barrios with their bags of 'goodies' to help save water and electricity.

The barrios to be visited are: Brazil, Mabon, Cura Cabay (south side), the Village, Esso Heights, De Vuyst, Juwana Morto, Zeewijk, and Jaraweg. Organizers claim that this is going to be another very big action where numerous homes will be visited that will receive the bags and a wealth of information.

The primary goal of this campaign is to make people aware of the simple, practical changes they can make in their homes that will reduce their consumption of water

and electricity and save them lots of money on their monthly utility bills. There are numerous terstimonies from citizens who are reaping the beneifts of the changes they made.

The organizers have informed that this campaign could not have been realized without the support of several kind sponsors. The Hunto Nos Ta Spaar Team is grateful to: De Palm Tours, Andina Ice, Victoria Bottling Company, Subway, Super Food, YMCA San Nicolaas, Fast Delivery and Tropical Bottling Company for their tremendous cooperation and support. The contribution and support of these sponsores was invaluable.

The Hunto Nos Ta Spaar Team, which is a project of ELMAR, WEB and Utilities Aruba N.V., is also very grateful to the Aruban community for their contribution in making the campaign such a success. The Team is certain that many more citizens are now aware of what is necessary to reduce their expenses. They also hope that our citizens are making the investments necessary to reduing their continue monthly utility bills and saving money that can be used on other valuable matters.

#### Aruba's Department of External Affairs deliberated on the implementation of Human Rights Treatise Continued from pg 1

Mention was also made of a topic currently high on the international agenda, which is human trafficking. Croes also informed about Aruba's National Social Dialogue begun in 2010 with the participation of all social partners. Mention was also made of the importance of introducing courses and training sessions for the community, while implementing human rights as a topic in the curriculum of our schools.

Obviously, we recognize that the full implementation and execution of laws insuring the enforcement human rights, in practice, is a long and continuous process.

The Department of External Affairs expressed their appreciation to the University of Aruba for their initiative in conducting such an informative and relevant seminar for our community.

Photo shows Dr. Rolando Oostland, visiting Professor of People's Rights at the University of Aruba and Senior Jurist at the Department of Constitutional Affairs and Laws of the Dutch Ministry of External Affairs, Olivia Croes of the Department of External Affairs, professor Dr. Michiel de Vries who teaches Public Governance of Small-scale Legal entities at the University of Aruba.

#### US Supreme Court reveals splits on health mandate Continued from pg 1

(AFP)--He was quizzing Solicitor General Donald Verrilli defending the Affordable Care Act -- a main plank of which will require all Americans to buy health insurance -- raising doubts whether the key reforms would survive.

The court's conservative Chief Justice John Roberts appeared ambivalent however in a nine-member court that otherwise seemed divided along ideological lines that favor conservatives.

The exchanges came on the second of three unprecedented days of oral arguments in what is perhaps the court's biggest case since it had to decide on the Al Gore versus George W. Bush 2000 election.

The health care reform -- signed into law in 2010 -- has been touted as a Democratic dream of generations, extending health care coverage to 32 million Americans who are currently uninsured.

Republicans argue that it is an affront to the civil liberties and personal freedoms

enshrined in the US Constitu-

Obama meanwhile on Tuesday accused his Republican rivals of wanting to turn back "decades of progress, particularly for women's health."

The conservative justices zeroed in on questions about the limits of whether the government can require individuals to buy health care insurance, or set penalties for failing to do so, with the chief justice making the point that the law could be "a slippery slope."

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# Ten thousand fruit trees for Aruba starts with 100 in Cura Cabay!

At the beginning of the year the government had announced that Santa Rosa would initiate a project called "Ten Thousand Fruit Trees for Aruba." It was felt that there is the need to re-introduce the planting of fruit trees in different areas on Aruba, and especially in the housing projects in the barrios.

After some research, it was noted that certain housing projects do have space for planning fruit trees. Santa Rosa proposed the FCCA housing project in the south side of Cura Cabay in San Nicolaas. After receiving the approval of the Minister, the

Management of Santa Rosa met with two directors of FCCA to discuss this fruit trees project. Santa Rosa explained how such a program would have multiple benefits for the inhabitants in the housing project. For one, it will teach them the importance of horticulture, secondly, it will help them in the future to have their own production of fresh fruit close to their homes and so doing will reduce the cost of purchasing fruit.

Still another benefit will be the social aspect of such a program. This, they believe will bring people together in the community and learn the value of working together to make such a project a success.

The two entities, FCCA and Santa Rosa have reached an agreement to start this interesting program on Monday March 26...hence; yesterday they began the work in earnest on this project.

On the 1st of April the Minister, together with the Managements of FCCA and Santa Rosa will officially plant the first of 100 fruit trees in Cura Cabay which will be the kick-off of the planting of 10 thousand fruit trees across the entire island.

It has been agreed that Santa Rosa will provide the

manpower needed for the Project, the equipment, two to three trucks of water per week and the guidance and care that the trees will require. FCCA on the other hand, will purchase the 100 fruit trees. All of the fruit trees will be purchased from Santa Rosa. The fruit trees to be planted are, among others, Bananas, Yellow and Red Cashew, Pomegranates, Red Guava, Knips, Aruban Mangoes, Papaya, Soursap and Tamarind trees. In the future they will plant more citric trees such as Limes, Mandarins and Oranges.

Santa Rosa is also planning on conducting informa-

tion sessions on Permaculture and other educational sessions on the planting and care of fruit trees. This project is a tremendous example of how departments can work together for the benefit of our communities. The government is very pleased with the fact that through this kind of project our citizens are now able to produce their own healthy natural food.

Special thanks and appreciation from the Minister was in order for FCCA for their support, and the entire Santa Rosa 'family' expressed their gratitude to FCCA and the community for their valuable support and cooperation.



### Cas Animal Cont'd

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# Take care of your dogs; distemper is loose on Aruba

Cas Animal Foundation, which rescues abandoned dogs and cats off the streets, warns pet owners that a virulent strain of distemper is sweeping through the canine population at present. A number of infected dogs have been taken off the street, but were beyond saving; a few are now quarantined and receiving treatment.

Distemper can be prevented by making sure your dog has been properly vaccinated and the booster shots are current, as well as making sure to keep them within the confines of one's property and not allowing them to roam the neighborhood.

Distemper is most deadly to young puppies up to six months old. The virus is passed by aerosol

droplets in bodily fluids and excretions from an infected dog, which often has flu-like symptoms of runny nose and eyes, coughing, vomiting and diarrhea, facilitating the spread of the virus.

Kirsten Arndt, founder of Cas Animal, warn those that care about their dogs to keep them within their yards and make sure their vaccinations are up to date. If the dog shows any sort of symptoms, get it to the vet immediately. Involuntary twitching is another symptom of distemper, but sometimes the virus does not show any symptoms and attacks the nervous system directly, causing the dog to simply collapse.

If you see a dog on the



street you suspect has distemper, call Kiki at 742-8732 and she will take it to the vet and attempt to save it, if possible; even if not, it will help stem the spread of the disease. This has been her mission in life since coming to live on Aruba 15 years ago, rescuing the stray, abandoned and abused dogs of the island. She cares for nearly 100 dogs and puppies in her home that she has converted into a nokill shelter, while struggling to raise the funds for a proper facility on land she has already been awarded by the government.

Her costs for feeding them are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. If anyone wishes to help, they can support her cause by donations in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382, as well as making donations directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110.

If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog, Kiki has many that could use a good home and will assist you in the process, as it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think. They require examination and certification by a qualified vet to pass quarantine standards prior to departure; Kiki will also

help in obtaining a dog transport and getting them to the airport, if needed.

# **Don't miss tonight!**Santa Rosa teaches Aruba how to produce cheese!



In recent times, the sale of goat milk has become quite popular during the flea markets at Santa Rosa. And, according to Santa Rosa, they want to help the community to diversify and begin using as much local products as possible.

Today, March 28th Santa Rosa will offer a special workshop about producing cheese from goat milk. The workshop will be held in the main conference room at Santa Rosa from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Mr. Luis Fernando Sanchez Pabon will be in charge of the presentation. Sanchez Pabon is an authority on the production of lactose products. Sanchez Pabon will explain in detail the production process for making cheese from goat milk and what are other products one can extract from fresh goat milk.

9am - 5pm

Sanchez Pabon was invited to Aruba by Cunucu Aruba Dushi Tera along with Santa Rosa.

The organizers are convinced that this workshop will be of great benefit to all who attend.

This Sunday, Cunucu Aruba Dushi Tera will host a tremendous fresh goat milk sale event. Once you attend this workshop you will be certain to be able to produce your own cheese from goat milk.

The workshop is being offered completely gratis to the entire Aruban community. Organizers expect everyone to take good advantage of this unique opportunity, a first for Aruba.

## S.Africa thief asks for job at house wearing owner's clothes

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - A thief in South Africa was caught red-handed when he knocked on the door of a house asking for work -- wearing the clothes that he had earlier stolen from the owners.

"When I opened the door I was surprised because he was wearing our clothing," the owner, who did not want be named, was quoted by The Times newspaper on Tuesday as saying.

The man knocked on the front door of the house in

East London, in South Africa's Eastern Cape, on Sunday to ask for gardening work wearing the owner's shoes, socks, belt, a pair of trousers and one of his fiance's blouses.

The resident then went to check his storeroom, where items were being stored ahead of a move, which he saw had been looted.

"I could not believe the audacity of this guy. I detained him after that and called the police.

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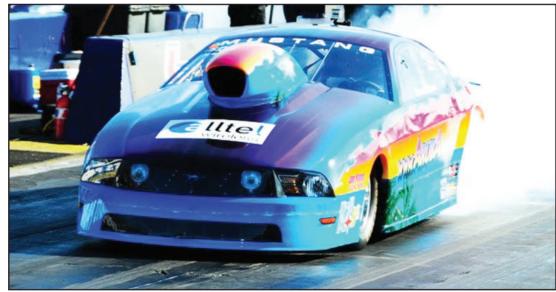


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# Team Aruba looking to wrap up unfinished business at baytown

UNION, S.C. -- The gang from Aruba is ready to tackle another season with the American Drag Racing League. With partners Aruba.com and Alltel Wireless behind them, the crew is hoping to start the 2012 season off right. The team, which spends its off season spread between the shop base in Union, S.C, school in Orlando, Fla. for driver Trevor Eman, and the team's homeland of Aruba, is back together again, and the reunion is already producing promising results from a preseason test session at Bradenton Motorsports Park in Bradenton, Fla. in preparation for the ADRL season opener in Baytown, Tx.

"We were fortunate with four days of great weather," told driver Trevor Eman. "It was a great time for the crew and me to get back into the swing of things. After not being in the car for five months you wonder if you remember how to do everything right, and often all it takes is that one first pass to feel right back at home behind the wheel. Our crew also didn't skip a beat and picked



right back up where we left off after Dallas. It feels really good to have everyone back together and be back at it again.

"Over all we were pleased with our test session results. We had our backup motor in the car, so we weren't very fast, but the point of the test session was mostly for everybody to get comfortable again.

We were also testing different things, which we would usually not be willing to try

during competition. So we learned what we can do and also what we cannot do. Trying new things and different combinations really pays off when line up against the competition on race day.

"Our motor is back from Jon Kaase's shop," Eman continued, "and we are confident he put a lot of work over the off season finding us every little horsepower we can use."

With Kaase power under the hood and the backing of fans across the United States and Aruba, Eman and team are excited to get back to the track and hopefully represent their backers in the winner's circle.

"We can't wait to get back out there this year and do well, hopefully win a couple of races and most importantly represent our country and main sponsor, Aruba, together with our associate sponsor Alltel Wireless.

"We'd like to invite everybody to come by our pit area in Baytown and pick up some free information about Aruba, and check out the race car as well. We love meeting all our fans!

"Last year at Baytown we did not do as well as we had hoped. It was the only race where we missed the qualifying field, so we're really lo-oking to redeem ourselves and get the year started off in the right direction. If we had just qualified at that race, we would have been in the Battle for the Belts field at that end of last year. So, to say the least, we have unfinished business at Royal Purple Raceway. It just goes to show you that every single pass down the track counts. We're going to work hard this year to make every pass the best it can be for this Aruba Team, starting with Baytown.'

Keep up with Team Aruba at www.facebook.com/tea-marubaracing and on Twitter @TeamArubaRacing. Find race results, team updates, videos and photos. Also leave your comments to cheer on Team Aruba!

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### **International News**

## US sets new carbon standard for power plants



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Tuesday set the first nationwide carbon standards on power plants, seeking to curb emissions from the burning of coal and revive the flagging fight against climate change.

After more than a year of deliberations on the politically charged proposal, President Barack Obama's administration said it would only apply the rules to future sites and gave coal-fired plants decades to meet the new standards.

Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said she was approving the regulations in a hope to "enhance the lives of our children and our children's children" and to spur US global leadership in clean energy.

"We know that the potential impact of climate change touches everything from tourism to agriculture and will have an extraordinary environmental and economic footprint if allowed to proceed unchecked," she told reporters on a conference call.

Jackson said that after a 12month grace period for sites under construction, the agency would not allow power plants to emit more than 1,000 pounds (454 kilograms) of carbon pollution per megawatt

hour.

Natural gas generates slightly less than that, but standard coal plants emit nearly 1,800 pounds an hour. Renewable energy such as solar and wind -- along with nuclear power -- produces far less.

Electricity generation in the world's largest economy accounts for 41 percent of the country's carbon emissions, which scientists blame for the planet's rising temperatures increasingly severe weather.

The Obama administration has vowed to reduce US carbon emissions, but its efforts face strong opposition from industry and the rival Republican Party, many of whose members question the science behind climate change.

UN-led negotiations on a new climate treaty have also made little concrete progress, with China -- which has surpassed the United States as the top carbon emitter -- demanding greater US commitment.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner accused Obama of siding with a political base of environmentalists instead of Americans hit by high energy

"This rule is a dramatic overreach and a heavy blow to one of America's richest natural resources -- coal -- that the president once heralded but now ignores," Boehner said in a statement.

Proposals by Obama's allies to set up a nationwide system to curb carbon emissions have died in Congress.

Democratic Representative Henry Waxman, an architect of the ill-fated climate legislation, called the power plant standards "a breakthrough" and praised Obama for "listening to scientists, not extremists who deny the existence of climate change."

Coal is among the most politically sensitive areas due to its impact on domestic employment. Coal accounts for about half of US power -more than any other source -but 81 percent of carbon emissions from the electricity sector, according to government data.

Jackson was quick to say that the Obama administration saw a future for coal, saying that it "will remain an important part of America's electricity generation mix."

She said that the agency will still allow new coal plants to maintain emissions above the limits if the operators agree that the level will average below the 1,000-pound threshold over a 30-year period.

The Obama administration has supported research into socalled carbon capture, which would hold back emissions from the burning of coal. Some environmentalists have criticized such efforts as costly and unproven.

Kassie Siegel of the environmental group the Center for Biological Diversity welcomed the new standards but criticized the administration for giving existing power plants "a free pass."

## Pope's visit to Havana fuels political debate



Santiago de Cuba: A man shouts slogans against communism and the dictatorship, before the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI arrives at Revolution Square in Santiago de Cuba.

HAVANA (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI arrived in Havana Tuesday after calling for Cuba to open up more, prompting the vice president to declare no political reforms were on the horizon for the communistruled island.

The 84-year old pontiff was due to meet President Raul Castro at the Palace of the Revolution, the seat of communist power, and possibly with revolutionary icon Fidel Castro, the current president's brother, Vatican officials said.

But just as the pope arrived for a visit that includes a huge mass Wednesday, Cuba's vice president declared there would be "no political reforms" introduced on the communist island, despite a call one day earlier from Benedict for greater openness.

At the start of his visit on Monday, Benedict urged tens of thousands at a mass in southeastern Santiago to help construct a "renewed and open

But Cuba's leadership insists democracy already exists here, and sees the papal visit as a way to show to the world that it is tolerant and open to religious expression.

Murillo, who is in charge of carrying out the economic reform program ordered over the past few years by President Raul Castro, said Tuesday that a radical overhaul of the founding model of the revolutionary society here was a pipedream.

Before flying to Havana, Benedict visited a shrine outside Santiago, Cuba's second largest city.

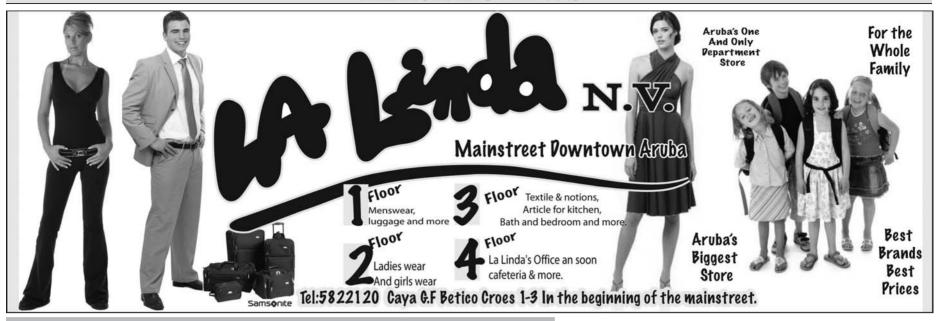
The pontiff's Cuba visit coincides with the 400th anniversary year of the discovery of a small wooden statue of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre floating in the water off the shores of eastern Cuba.

The pope offered a prayer to the beloved wooden statue of the virgin, patron saint of Cuba, asking that she help the country on its "path of renewal and hope."

The pontiff, on his first tour of Spanish-speaking Latin America and the first visit to Cuba by a pope in 14 years, is seeking to bolster closer church-state ties with Havana.

Benedict called on inhabitants of this mainly secular island nation to embrace Catholic teachings, which for decades had been banned following the communist revolution, but have been tolerated since a thaw began a few years ago.

Benedict has no plans to meet with members of the Cuban opposition, a decision which has drawn criticism from dissidents, democracy advocates and some members of the media. Among those seeking an audience with the pontiff are leaders of the Ladies in White one of the island's best-known rights groups.



### **International News**

# World leaders vow to act on nuclear terror threat

SEOUL (AFP) - World leaders including US President Barack Obama called Tuesday for strong steps to combat nuclear terrorism, wrapping up a 53nation summit overshadowed by North Korea's planned rocket launch.

The leaders from 53 nations, including China's Hu Jintao and Pakistan's prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, called in a communique for steps to minimise civilian use of highly enriched uranium (HEU), which can be used to make bombs.

They also called for safeguarding world stockpiles of HEU and plutonium, and tightening security of radioactive material that could be used to create a "dirty" bomb.

The North's nuclear and missile ambitions were not officially on the agenda, but they were the focus on the sidelines, and for Obama throughout his three-day visit to South Korea, a close US ally.

The North stole some of the limelight right up to the end, releasing a statement just before the close of the summit demands snubbing from

Obama and other leaders to scrap a satellite launch planned for April.

Obama had repeatedly denounced the rocket launch, which is seen by the US and its allies as a disguised ballistic missile test.

The US leader had stressed his country was not hostile to the North's people but was scathing about its leaders' record and urged them to "have the courage to pursue peace"

North Korea responded by announcing it would go ahead with what it calls a peaceful satellite launch and told Obama to drop his "confrontational mindset".

Obama in 2009 declared his vision of a world without nuclear weapons and the following year hosted a Washington summit, aimed at securing or destroying the world's stocks of plutonium and HEU by 2014

Highlighting the threat, an Interpol representative told the session there was "lots of evidence" that Al-Qaeda would use nuclear weapons if it had them, according to German

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**HOMS**: A handout picture releasd by the official Syrian news agency SANA President Bashar al-Assad (C) shaking hands with a local resident during his visit to the Baba Amr neighbourhood in the restive city of Homs on March 27, 2012. Assad toured the former rebel stronghold, assuring residents that the battered neighbourhood would be rebuilt and that normal life would resume.

delegation sources.

Interpol said there were 3,000 cases in 119 countries in which nuclear material had gone missing.

Lee said the world still has some 1,600 tons of HEU and 500 tons of plutonium -enough to make more than 100,000 nuclear weapons.

Leaders also tackled the threat posed by loosely guarded radioactive material in hospitals and other sites.

On Monday France, Belgium, and the Netherlands -three of the world's top suppliers of medical isotopes -- announced plans eventually to phase out the use of HEU in the production process, under a deal with the United States.

#### Exclusion zone around North Sea platform after gas leak

Gas leaking from a North Sea platform forced the evacuation of a second rig on Tuesday, as coastguards banned ships and aircraft from travelling within miles of the accident.

French oil giant Total which operates the stricker Elgin platform 150 miles (241 kilometres) off Aberdeen on Scotland's east coast, said the leak was the most serious problem it had faced in the North Sea in a decade.

More than 300 people have been evacuated from two rigs since the leak was discovered

A cloud of gas has reportedly surrounded the platform while Total confirmed there was a six-mile-long sneen on the water nearby.

Total said it was taking "all necessary measures" to try to identify the source and cause of the leak and to bring it under control, but the company's shares plunged 5.85 percent on the French stock market to close at 38.56 euros.

## **US Congress passes jobs** bill, sends it to Obama

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US House of Representatives passed a broadly supported, Senate-approved jobs bill Tuesday, with the White House and Republican leaders alike hailing it as an example of rare but vital bipartisan coopera-

With both chambers of Congress approving the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act, which helps small firms raise capital, the noncontroversial legislation now goes to the Oval Office for President Barack Obama's signature.

"We are pleased Congress took bipartisan action to pass key initiatives the president proposed last fall to help small businesses and start-ups grow and create jobs," White House spokeswoman Amy Brundage said in a statement.

"We applaud Republicans and Democrats for working together, but there is still much more work to be done to create jobs and strengthen the (US economic) recovery."

The Silicon Valley-backed bill, a collection of six measures which sailed through the House 380-41 after bouncing between the House and Senate in recent weeks, was amended to include extra investor protections in crowdfunding, the increasingly common practice of using the Internet to gather capital investment.

Republican Spencer Bachus, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, called the bill "a victory for small companies and entrepreneurs who want Washington to reduce the red tape that stifles innovation, economic growth and job creation."

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor said the JOBS Act "represents an increasingly rare legislative victory in Washington where both sides seized the opportunity to work together, improved the bill and passed it with strong bipartisan support.'

With unemployment and the sluggish recovery key issues in his reelection bid. Obama earlier this year pushed for measures to aid small businesses and start-up companies that create most of the new jobs in the US economy.

Republicans hail the election-year bill as a job-creator, but some Democrats have said it is only a minor fix for the ailing US economy, and that it could leave consumers and investors exposed to fraud because it does not provide enough financial oversight.

A provision of the JOBS Act would allow small enterprises to more easily go public if they wish, by stripping out certain accounting restrictions for newly public companies.

"emerging growth Such companies" would enjoy relaxed rules under the Securities and Exchange Commission, and while this part of the bill can be seen as a reduction of transparency, it will make running a newly public company less expensive.





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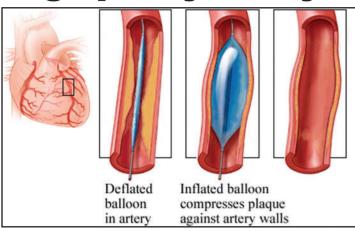
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### **Health & Living**

# Survival odds better with bypass than angioplasty: study



CHICAGO (AFP) - Patients who undergo bypass surgery for heart disease have better long-term survival rates than those who opt for less invasive procedures like angioplasty, a major US study showed.

The study looked at data from 190,000 US patients and found that those who had bypass surgery had a lower death rate in the first four years (16.4 percent) compared to those who had angioplasty (20.8 percent).

Bypass operations involve open heart surgery to create a detour around a blocked artery using a vein taken from somewhere else in the patient's body.

The type of angioplasty examined in the study, known as percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), involves a small incision to thread a balloon, a wire stent or a tube through the blocked artery to keep it open.

Still, the evidence does not suggest that bypass surgery is the right option for everyone.

The research was presented at the 61st scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

# Monthly shot lowers cholesterol 66 percent: study

(AFP) - A monthly injection of an experimental drug made by the US biotech firm Amgen reduced patients' cholesterol by up to 66 percent, according to a small study described at a US cardiology conference.

The early phase 1 clinical trial, designed mainly to see if the treatment was safe, followed 51 patients who received a shot of the drug, AMG 145, either once every two or every four weeks.

Among trial subjects were already taking high doses of cholesterol-lowering drugs, known as statins, and who got the shot every two weeks, the dangerous type of cholesterol (LDL) in their bodies dropped by an average of 63 percent by the eighth week.

And those who were on low doses of statins and received the drug every four weeks saw a slightly higher average drop in LDL cholesterol -- 66 percent by the end of the same time period.

No deaths or adverse events were recorded during the preliminary study, which was presented for the the first time on Sunday at the American College of Cardiology annual conference.

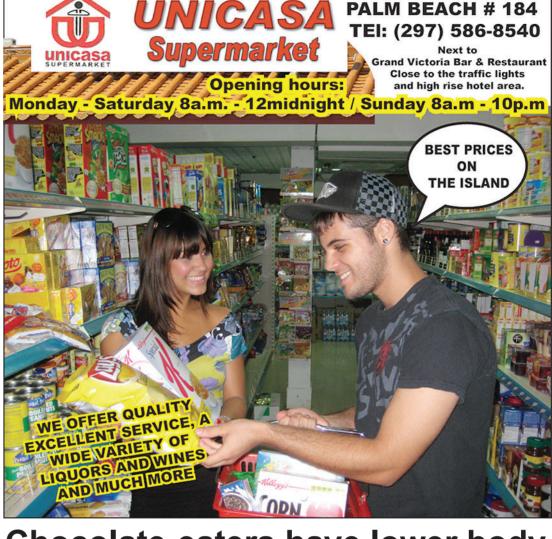
The drug is a fully human monoclonal antibody that inhibits PCSK9, a protein that reduces the liver's ability to remove LDL cholesterol from the blood.

"Early studies have shown that AMG 145 lowers levels of PCSK9 in the body and brings LDL-cholesterol levels down as a result," said a statement by Sean Harper, executive vice president of Research and Development at Amgen.

More data from the phase 2 study is expected later this year.

Finding alternate ways to treat high cholesterol is important for many patients who either cannot tolerate statin therapy or who have difficulty getting their cholesterol counts low enough with diet changes and contemporary statins.

High LDL cholesterol is a leading factor in the development of heart disease and is considered a major public health issue worldwide.



# Chocolate-eaters have lower body mass: study



(AFP) - Healthy people who exercise and also eat chocolate regularly tend to have a lower body mass index than those who eat the rich brown sweets less often, a US study suggested.

The survey of a population of more than 1,000 adults, published as a research letter in the Archives of Internal Medicine, reinforces the notion that chocolate packs heart healthy benefits, despite its high calorie and sugar content.

People in the study, whose ages ranged from 20 to 85, reported eating chocolate an average of twice a week and exercising an average of 3.6 times a week.

Those who said they ate chocolate more often than the norm tended to have a lower ratio of weight over height, a calculation made by taking a person's weight and dividing it by their height times two.

A normal BMI is typically 18.5 to 24.9, while people who figure lower are considered underweight and those above 25 are overweight.

"Adults who consumed chocolate more frequently had a lower BMI than those who consumed chocolate less often," said the study led by Beatrice Golomb and colleagues at the University of California San Diego.

"Our findings -- that more frequent chocolate intake is linked to lower BMI -- are intriguing," it added, calling for more detailed research and perhaps a randomized clinical trial of chocolate's metabolic benefits.

While the research stopped short of establishing a reasonable or beneficial limit for chocolate-eating, experts urged moderation.

"Before you start eating a chocolate bar a day to keep the

doctor away, remember that a chocolate bar can contain over 200 calories which mostly come from saturated fats and sugar," said Nancy Copperman, director of Public Health Initiatives at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System in New York.

"Consider limiting your chocolate fix to a one ounce (28 grams) portion of dark chocolate or adding cocoa powder which is very low in fat to your food once a day," said Copperman, who was not involved in the study.

Chocolate's benefits are rooted in antioxidant polyphenols which can improve blood pressure, and also help lower cholesterol levels and blood sugar.

Other studies have even linked chocolate to a lower risk of death by heart attack.

Chocolate's curious ability to improve heart health is usually considered as part of a lifestyle that includes exercise and moderation in diet, according to Suzanne Steinbaum, director of women and heart disease at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, who was not involved in the study.

"We have seen in multiple studies the benefits of chocolate, and yet again, we see as part of an overall healthy lifestyle, chocolate does not add to weight gain, but in fact, might help control it," she said

### **Sci-Tech**

# Taiwan woman 'commits suicide' during Facebook chat



(AFP) - A Taiwanese woman committed suicide while chatting to friends on Facebook after growing suspicious that her boyfriend was having an affair, police and media said Tuesday.

Lin Mei-heng, 31, posted messages on the social net-

working site saying she wanted to take her life while at home in a suburb of Taipei on March 17, the Apple Daily newspaper said.

She also posted photos of charcoal burning in her stove - before shutting the windows of her flat, so it filled with

noxious fumes and she suffocated, according to the report.

It said nine of her friends had attempted to dissuade her from taking her life, but none alerted the police.

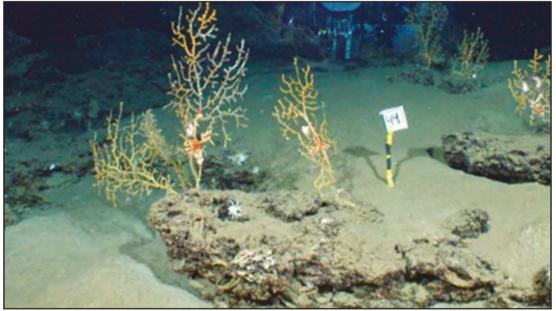
Police confirmed she was found dead the following day by her boyfriend at the flat.

The police said they closed the case based on an investigation conducted by forensic experts, which showed she was not murdered.

But details of her final moments did not surface until a web user involved in the chat informed the Daily.

"Even we were surprised when reading the newspaper report today," a police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP.

### BP oil spill sullied sea floor coral



(AFP) - The 2010 BP oil spill that spewed from a broken well on the Gulf of Mexico sea floor damaged coral as far as seven miles (11 kilometers) away, according to a scientific study.

A team of US researchers used underwater vehicles and a process called two-dimensional gas chromatography to match the source of the petroleum hydrocarbons they found with those that emerged from the BP spill.

They found that coral along the sea floor near the well was covered with some sort of brown material and appeared to show signs of tissue damage. A survey of coral 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the Macondo well showed no such damage.

Since sea bed coral lies some 4,000 feet (1,200 meters) below the surface, it is not usually harmed by spills from oil tankers, according to lead study author Helen White, an assistant professor of chemistry at Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

"We would not expect deepwater corals to be impacted by a typical oil spill, but the sheer magnitude of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and its release at depth make it very different from a tanker running aground and spilling its contents," she said.

"Because of the unprecedented nature of the spill, we have learned that its impacts are more far reaching than those arising from smaller spills that occur on the surface."

More study is needed to determine if the coral will recover, but the findings so far suggest that there was a serious impact on deep sea animal life around the broken well, said lead researcher Charles Fisher, a professor of biology at Penn State University.

"Our ongoing work in the Gulf will allow us to better un-

derstand the long-term effects of the spill on the deep sea, and to constrain the footprint of the impact zone for deepwater corals around the Macondo well," he said.

The study is published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and includes experts from Temple University, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the US Geological Survey.

The April 20, 2010 explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon drilling rig killed 11 workers when flammable gas leaked from the well and ignited.

The oil spill that followed blackened beaches in five US states and devastated the Gulf Coast's tourism and fishing industries

It took 87 days to cap BP's runaway sea floor well as it spewed 4.9 million barrels (206 million gallons) of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.



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# Apple to face Australian court over iPad

(AFP) - Australia said Tuesday it would take Apple to court for misleading consumers over sales of its new iPad, claiming adverts that it can connect to a 4G network was misleading.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) said it would be seeking orders against Apple in the Federal Court on Wednesday over its local "iPad with WiFi+4G" promotion, which it claims is false advertising as the new gadget works on a different 4G frequency to that available in the country.

"It represents to Australian consumers that the product "iPad with WiFi + 4G" can, with a SIM card, connect to a 4G mobile data network in Australia, when this is not the case," the ACCC said.

"The ACCC is seeking ur-

gent interlocutory relief to ensure consumers are made aware of the correct technical capabilities of this device."

The watchdog said it was seeking an injunction to sales, "pecuniary penalties, corrective advertising and refunds to consumers affected".

California-based Apple announced last week that it sold three million of the latest tablet computers in its first weekend on the market -- the strongest iPad launch yet.

The latest case is not the first time Apple's technology has landed in Australia's courts. The firm is locked in a legal battle with rival Samsung over tablet patents, part of a wider global tussle over supremacy of the US\$100 billion market.

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\*If you use wrapping paper and or are given it on a gift by someone else, salvage the paper for future gifts and collect the intact bows. You'll be saving dollars, trees, and landfill space. \*Keep old squeeze bottles from your kitchen to use as bottles for your haircare and cosmetic needs. Plastic salad dressing and cooking-oil bottles can be cleaned and refilled with soap, lotion, or shampoo.



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### **Finance**

## **Supply worries support New York oil prices**



NEW YORK (AFP) - Supply fears pushed oil prices higher in New York Tuesday amid rising conflict between Sudan and oil-rich South Sudan and a Total North Sea production platform shutdown due to a major gas leak.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for May, rose 30 cents from Monday to close at \$107.33 a barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in May fell 11 cents to settle at

### **OECD** calls for 1.0-tn-euro eurozone debt fund

(AFP)--The eurozone came under new pressure to boost the firepower of its debt rescue fund on Tuesday, with the 34-nation OECD pressing for a safety net of at least 1.0 trillion euros (\$1.33 trillion).

"The European firewalls should be expanded further and made more credible to restore confidence," the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development said in a report on the eurozone economy.

"To ease market tensions, the funds should be available on a scale sufficient to withstand possible future requests for financial assistance," said the Paris-based economic forum

Eurozone finance ministers are meeting on Friday and Saturday in Copenhagen to decide whether to increase the size of their debt rescue mechanism amid resurgent concerns about the financial

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The OECD said the refinancing needs of vulnerable eurozone nations could top 1.0 trillion euros over the coming two years and in addition contributions may be necessary to recapitalise

Spain faces refinancing needs of some 370 billion euros over the next three years, while Italy will need 750 billion euros to finance

"Although it is unclear that funds on this scale would ever need to be drawn down, the availability of credible firewalls may enhance confidence," the OECD report said.

\$125.54 a barrel.

Oil prices had climbed modestly in both markets Monday, but profit taking was muted Tuesday.

In New York, "the market was loathe to sell off because of Iran and tensions there, but there wasn't much today with (US) economic news," said Matt Smith at Summit En-

In addition to the longrunning strains over oil producer Iran's nuclear program, geopolitical tensions in eastern Africa helped to keep prices buoyed.

A South Sudan official said Sudanese warplanes on Tuesday launched air raids on its oil-rich areas.

"It appears the dispute is widening, increasing the likelihood that the 350,000 barrels per day of shut-in production will remain offline for a protracted period, and placing further pressure on heavy, sweet crude supply," JPMorgan Chase analysts said in a research note.

Meanwhile, a big gas leak from a North Sea platform operated by French energy giant Total forced the evacuation of a second rig on Tues-

Anglo-Dutch oil and gas giant Shell, meanwhile, said it had evacuated nearby facilities as a precautionary meas-

"Exactly how Total intends to regain control of the leak remains unclear at this juncture, but if, as some reports indicate, a relief well is necessary, then the loss of production may be prolonged," the JPMorgan Chase analysts said.





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#### FINANCE BRIEFS...

#### World Bank gives Mozambique \$110 million in aid

MAPUTO (AFP) - The World Bank will provide \$110 million (82.5 million euros) to Mozambique to help boost the country's mining sector and simplify business regulations, a spokesman said on Tuesday. "The amount is the equivalent of \$110 million, in support of the government of Mozambique's poverty reduction priorities. This is to be disbursed this year for the state budget," World Bank spokesman for Mozambique Rafael Saute told AFP.

#### Georgia Forbes editor quits over 'censorship'

TBILISI (AFP) - The editor-in-chief of the Georgian edition of 'Forbes' magazine said on Tuesday he had resigned over pressure from the publishers to stop covering an anti-government billionaire. Editor-in-chief Revaz Sakevarishvili told Georgian media he had quit over "censorship" on the coverage of billionaire Bidzina Ivanishvili, who has vowed to oust President Mikheil Saakashvili's party at parliamentary polls this year. "I made the decision to resign on the grounds that there is serious pressure aimed at suppressing editorial independence and establishing censorship," Sakevarishvili was quoted as saying by InterPressNews agency.

#### Main Greek parties pledge low-budget electoral campaign

ATHENS (AFP) - Greece's main parties pledged to keep a lid on spending in the upcoming electoral campaign as the country labours to apply a tough economic overhaul in the midst of a biting recession. "We will try to eliminate printing costs," Fofi Gennimata, a spokeswoman for the socialist party Pasok told reporters on Tuesday. "There will be no posters, we do not want to litter cities," she said. Pasok's rivals, the conservative New Democracy party, announced on Monday that its campaign would respect the "hardship" facing millions of Greeks.

#### BP sells North Sea gas assets for \$400 million

LONDON (AFP) - British energy group BP said Tuesday it has agreed to sell assets including gas fields in the North Sea to Anglo-French peer Perenco for \$400 million (300 million euros) in cash. The deal to sell southern gas assets (SGA) further helps BP to unlock billions of dollars to meet compensation costs linked to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill caused by a blast on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon platform. The assets include a number of manned and unmanned platforms off the coast of Yorkshire, northern England, and a terminal at Dimlington.

US judge OKs wiretap evidence in Gupta insider trial

NEW YORK (AFP) - A US judge said he will allow prosecutors to play recordings of wiretapped phone conversations in the insider trading trial of former Goldman Sachs director Rajat Gupta. Judge Jed Rakoff's ruling, made public in court papers Tuesday, was a blow to Gupta, whose scheduled May 21 criminal trial will be a major step in New York federal prosecutors' ongoing crackdown against insider trading. Gupta's lawyers had sought to suppress the government wiretaps. The former Goldman Sachs director and former partner at Mckinsey & Co is accused of passing inside tips to his friend and convicted insider trader Raj Rajaratnam.

#### Rediscovered Cezanne painting up for auction

NEW YORK (AFP) - A rare watercolor by Post-impressionist master Paul Cezanne, thought to have been lost, has reemerged and is expected to fetch between \$15 million and \$20 million at auction in New York, Christie's said Tuesday. The study for the painting 'Joueur des cartes" ("Card Players") was last seen in public in 1953 but has now been found in a private collection in Texas, the auction house said. It will be a highlight of the auction house's Impressionist sales in New York on May 1.



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# Japan classic paintings, pop idols hit US



Journalists examine art during the press preview of "Colorful Realm: Japanese Bird-and-Flower Paintings by Ito Jakuchu.



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WASHINGTON (AFP) - Japan is presenting to the United States highlights of its culture both old and new, with a rare exhibition of elaborate centuries-old nature scrolls and performances by a top-selling pop band.

Japan is seeking to make the most of the 100th anniversary

of Washington's cherry blossom trees, which were initially a gift from Tokyo and have turned into one of the US capital's most popular tourist draws.

As thousands strolled through central Washington to enjoy the fleeting beauty of the cherry bloom, the National Gallery of Art unveiled an exhibition from Japanese master Ito Jakuchu and pop sensations AKB48 flew in for two free shows.

The Imperial Household lent Jakuchu's 30 bird and flower paintings on silk scrolls, marking the first time the meditative masterpiece has been shown in its entirety out of Japan.

iving Earl Powell III, director of the National Gallery of Art, said Monday that the exhibition was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the public to see "the most important and remarkable collection of flower painting ever in the history of Japan."

The collection -- known as "Colorful Realm of Living Be-

ings" and paired with three Jakuchu paintings of Buddhist deities -- opens to the public Friday for only one month after a six-year restoration effort.

Ito Jakuchu, who was born to a wealthy merchant family in 1716, decided in 1755 to devote himself exclusively to Zen meditation and painting. He spent nearly a decade producing the scrolls through painstaking pigmentation.

Jakuchu once said he did not intend his work to be understood for 200 years.

The paintings were initially not for public viewing and instead assisted meditation at the Buddhist temple of Shokokuji in Kyoto.

The temple donated the scrolls to the Imperial Household in 1889 in gratitude for restoration of the building.

Japan said it was making the major cultural exchange in part to show gratitude for assistance by the United States, its main ally, following the March 11, 2011 tsunami tragedy.

AKB48 -- a girls band clad in school uniforms named after Tokyo's mecca of geek culture, Akihabara -- is one of the world's highest-grossing acts with more than \$200 million in CD and DVD sales last year.

AKB48 is also one of the largest musical acts, with a total of about 90 girls divided into teams who put on daily shows of bubble gum pop and synchronized dancing.

On the eve of two shows at a Washington theater, three of the AKB48 girls visited a local school where they told wide-eyed seven-year-olds about Japan and their success across the Pacific.

Despite AKB48's success in Japan, few of the American children were familiar with the band until a teacher likened the group to Justin Bieber.

# 'Harry Potter' series finally available as e-books



At last, Harry Potter's adventures are available electronically. The seven novels about JK Rowling's boy wizard are for sale as e-books and audio books on the author's Pottermore website, the site's creators announced Tuesday.

The first three books will sell for \$7.99 while the remaining four will sell for \$9.99. Digital audiobooks are also available for \$29.99 and \$44.99, respectively, and are read by the very British Jim

Not always a fan of the latest technology, Rowling famously wrote the Potter series by hand. Through the years, Rowling and her representatives expressed two reasons for being slow to the e-book world: a fear of online piracy and the desire for readers to experience her books the old-fashioned way.

The Harry Potter books have sold more than 400 copies and been translated into more than 60 languages.

The books are being sold in both ePub and Kindle format, and as such will work across all Kindle devices and reading apps, Barnes & Noble Nooks, iOS and Android, Sony Readers, Kobo, and other devices. Buyers will be allowed to download the books for personal use "up to eight times,"

with no time limit, allowing for reading across devices. Parents can share purchased ebooks with their own children, as long as they're under 18.



## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for available for a modest fee

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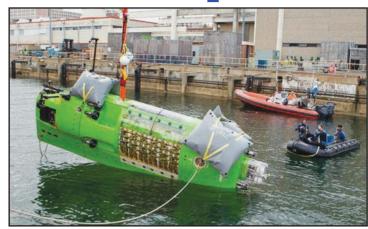
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# Submarines -the ultimate toy for the super rich



**James Cameron Submarine** 

NEW YORK (AFP) - Jet plane, tick. Private island, tick. Chopper, tick. Submarine?

When director James Cameron descended to the bottom of the Pacific on Monday, he not only shed light on the world's deepest ocean, but the world's most exclusive hobby: private submarine voyages.

The phenomenally profitable director of "Avatar" piloted an ungainly looking, bright green, one-seat sub to an amazing 36,000 feet, or 11,000 meters, down into the Mariana Trench.

Only the third person to go there, Cameron led the mission, which was entirely privately funded.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the globe, another mega-rich man with a sub, Richard Branson, is plotting to penetrate the Atlantic's deepest point, the Puerto Rico Trench.

For a man who's done extreme sailing and hot air ballooning, a jaunt miles under the ocean in a James Bondstyle, winged mini-sub is the logical next step. He dreams of finding "Spanish galleons" or "a species that hasn't been discovered."

"It's enormously exciting that the oceans can now be explored and we have the vehicles to do that," Branson told AFP from his private Necker Island in the Caribbean.

Charles Kohnen, co-founder of submarine builders SEAmagine, said private sub owners are still a tiny group -- perhaps less than a dozen individuals -- but that the general trend of ever fancier toys for billionaires is likely to change that.

Most underwater craft on the civilian market are technically called submersibles, meaning they have only limited autonomy and need yachts to act as motherships. True submarines are more closely related to the naval equivalents, although both types can make safe journeys to at least 500 feet (150 meters), and in most cases a great deal further.

When SEAmagine started 16 years ago, "yachts weren't big enough to hold submarines. The evolution we've seen over the last five, seven years is interest from the private sector and it's directly related to the yachts, the mega-yacht industry," Kohnen said.

One recent private client has a specially designed 82 foot (25 meter) catamaran with a helicopter deck and submersible launch. Another didn't need any particular design changes to hold his submersible, but that's only because he has a 280 foot (85 meter) "luxury ship."

"A submarine -- it's not just a jet ski," Kohnen said.

His craft retail at between \$1 million and \$3 million. But the annual upkeep of \$15,000-\$20,000 is practically spare change to the super rich and a fraction of what it costs to fly an executive jet.

A company called US Submarines targets an even further frontier, offering luxury subs in addition to the more common submersibles.

Business is growing in the smaller craft sphere, especially "from the scientific community and very much more from the film community," Marc Deppe, an executive with subsidiary Triton Submarines, told AFP.

What they'd like to find now, Deppe said, is the world's first private owner of a full-blown submarine -- a modern day Captain Nemo.

US Submarines offers the "Nomad," described as having an interior equivalent to a personal jet plane, the "Seattle," comparable in comfort to a large yacht, and the amazing "Phoenix."

This vessel, a full 213 feet (65 meters) long, would be able to cross an ocean, diving whenever weather got rough, and has so much room it would carry its own mini-sub.

### **SPORTS**

## Tennis: Djokovic, Nadal, Sharapova advance at Miami



Rafael Nadal of Spain in action against Kei Nishikori of Japan

MIAMI(AFP) - Top-ranked defending champion Novak Djokovic and world number twos Rafael Nadal of Spain and Maria Sharapova of Russia advanced at the \$9.6 million ATP and WTA Miami hardcourt tournament on Tuesday.

Serbian star Djokovic, winner of the past three Grand Slam singles crowns, reached the quarter-finals with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over French 17th seed Richard Gasquet.

Djokovic will next face the

winner of a later match between Spanish fifth seed David Ferrer and Argentina's 11th seed Juan Martin Del Potro.

Nadal, a three-time Miami runner-up who has never lifted the trophy, ousted Japanese 16th seed Kei Nishikori 6-4, 6-4.

Nadal fired eight aces and won 65 percent of first-serve points while saving six of the 6-0 victory over Chinese eighth seed Li Na, the Russian beauty snapping a four-match losing streak to the Asian star.

"I came into this match losing to her the last few times," Sharapova said. "I really wanted to change that."

The match began with five consecutive service breaks but Sharapova found her form at 4-3, winning the last eight games of the match and 12 points in a row in one stretch to move on after 68 minutes.

"I was really consistent in conditions where it was a little gusty and blowing around and I faced a tough opponent too," Sharapova said. "I did a good job of maintaining my consistency throughout the whole match."

Sharapova will next face the winner of a later match between US 10th seed Serena Williams and Denmark's fourth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki

Sharapova, like Nadal, is a three-time Miami runner-up



Maria Sharapova of Russia in action against Li Na of China

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eight break points he faced to advance in two hours and 11 minutes, improving to 16-3 on the season.

"The beginning was very tough," Nadal said. "I started playing more aggressively. At the end of the first set, I felt that I started to win my serves easier than him. I believe that I had more the control of the game.

The Spaniard will face the winner match between French sixth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and German 19th seed Florian Mayer.

On the women's side, second seed Sharapova advanced to the semi-finals with a 6-3,

who has never won the crown. British fourth seed Andy Murray ousted French 13th seed Gilles Simon 6-3, 6-4.

The Scotsman, who could face Nadal in the semi-finals, booked a last-eight date against Serbian ninth seed Janko Tipsarevic, who defeated Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov 7-6 (7/3), 6-2.

US eighth seed Mardy Fish outlasted Spanish 12th seed Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-7 (2/7), 6-3 in other fourth-round matches.

Next for Fish will be compatriot Andy Roddick, who eliminated Roger Federer in the third round, or Argentina's Juan Monaco.

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# Football: Real and Chelsea in pole after away day wins

PARIS (AFP) - Real Madrid and Chelsea took giant strides towards the Champions League semi-finals on Tuesday as they both recorded away wins in their quarterfinal first leg matches.

A double from French striker Karim Benzema inspired nine-time winners Real to a 3-0 victory over Cypriot surprise packages APOEL Nicosia and all but ensured a last four spot against the winners of Marseille and Bayern Munich.

A second-half goal from Salomon Kalou gave Chelsea a 1-0 win over Portuguese outfit Benfica - ironically the only side playing on Tuesday that didn't field a Portuguese player in their starting line-up - to inflict the hosts first home defeat in Europe this term.

It puts the English side in a strong position for next week's second leg and a semi-final against either holders Barcelona or AC Milan.

APOEL had worked wonders to reach this stage - unprecedented for a Cypriot club - but their limitations were painfully exposed by a Real side bursting with superstars the hosts lacked.

APOEL's tactic of holding out for a draw - they failed to muster a shot on goal - worked until well into the second-half but then Benzema redeemed himself for a terrible miss in the first-half.

The Frenchman broke the deadlock with just over a quarter of an hour remaining with a diving header from substitute Kaka's left-wing cross.

Kaka scored the second after great work down the left

by fellow Brazilian Marcelo.

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Benzema added a third shortly before the final whistle, tapping home after a superb pass from Mesut Ozil.

Real coach Jose Mourinho, bidding to win the trophy for a third time with a different team having won with Porto and Inter Milan, was pleased with his team's performance.

"I am happy because my team took to the task seriously and dominated the game against a team that gave us a lot of headaches," said Mourinho

Kalou's goal in Lisbon puts Chelsea firmly on course to reach their sixth Champions League semi-final in nine seasons and gives interim coach Roberto Di Matteo an unexpected chance of collecting two pieces of silverware as they are also in the FA Cup semi-finals.

Goalscorer Kalou said Chelsea's united dressing room had made victory possible.

"We played as a team and when you play as a team it makes it easier to win," he said. "Any goal is important. I'm just happy to have scored."

However, Chelsea's former Benfica midfielder Ramires was circumspect about their chances of wrapping up the last four spot.

"We have to remain calm, because Benfica will undoubtedly give us a hard match in the second leg," said the 25-year-old Brazilian.

"We have to keep our feet on the ground because there are still 90 minutes to play and I know the strength of Benfica. We can't party too early."







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# NFL: Giants to host Cowboys in Obama-shifted opener

NEW YORK (AFP) - The reigning Super Bowl champion New York Giants will play host to arch-rival Dallas on September 5 in the 2012 National Football League season opener, the league announced on Tuesday.

The game will be played on a Wednesday, one night earlier than usual, to avoid a conflict with US President Barack Obama's expected speech at the Democratic National Convention on September 6.

It will be the NFL's first game on a Wednesday since

the Los Angeles Rams routed Detroit 44-7 on September 22, 1948.

Facing the Cowboys in the opener will mean the Giants are starting the new campaign aginst the same opponent they played to close the 2011 season. New York won 31-14 on January 1 to claim the last vacant NFL playoff berth.

After a 9-7 season, the Giants went on a stellar playoff run of four triumphs to capture the title, completing the streak by defeating the New England Patriots at Indi-

anapolis last month in the Super Bowl.

This marks the ninth season where a defending champion will host the NFL opener. Home teams won each of the prior eight contests, including Green Bay's triumph over New Orleans last year.

The Giants have won five of their past six games against Dallas but trail 56-41 with two drawn in the all-time rivalry.

A complete NFL schedule is expected to be announced next month.

# **Golf: Westwood takes Masters preparation to Texas**



World No. 3 Lee Westwood, pictured here in 2010

HOUSTON (AFP) - World No. 3 Lee Westwood has taken his Masters preparation to the US PGA Houston Open this week with hopes of pulling off

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Tel: 588-9517 / Fax: 588-9518 E-mail: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com Website: www.themorningnewsaruba.com his first major triumph next week at Augusta National.

The 38-year-old Englishman has finished in the top three at five of the past 10 major championships, including runner-up in both the Masters and British Open in 2010 and joint-third at the 2011 US Open and the 2009 British Open and PGA.

"I think it proves I'm capable of winning major championships," Westwood said on Tuesday. "Lot of Top-3s and just have to keep doing that and put myself in position -- when I get the chance, take it the next time."

Instead of hanging his head over near-misses, Westwood has taken confidence from coming so close.

A reason for that is sharpening his skills in the week before a major rather than resting or playing practice rounds.

"I like to be competitive the week before the Masters," Westwood said. "It's a tough test at Augusta. If you don't go into it competitively sharp, you are not going to hit all the greens, going to have to get up and down.

Houston offers fast greens to prepare Westwood for the undulating and lightningquick putting surfaces on offer at the Masters.

Westwood skipped an early practice round at Augusta Na-

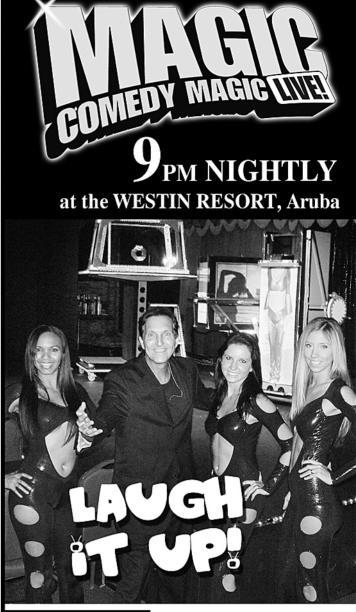
tional this year, saying the course changes so much for the tournament that the benefits were minimal.

What he will also have to deal with is a star-studded field of in-form players including World No. 1 Luke Donald, World No. 2 Rory McIlroy and 14-time major winner Tiger Woods coming off the end of a 2 1/2-year US PGA win drought.

"It's a marketing man's dream to get everybody playing well going into the first major," Westwood said. "It's good for golf."

And no stage in golf every season has rivaled Augusta National for intense drama, especially on the back-nine on Sunday when no lead is safe.

"That's the beauty of Augusta," Westwood said. "If you play well you have a good chance to make a few birdies. If you get out of position, you can make bogeys fast. The 2 and 3-shot swings are possible around there."



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St. Louis Cardinals 2011 World Series Champions

The New York Yankees start the season with questions about their starting rotation. Joba Chamberlain suffered a dislocated ankle in a freak trampoline accident and Andy Pettitte has come out of retirement to take a run at a starting job.

This could also be the final season for famed Yankees closer Mariano Rivera.

There are five new managers, including Mike Matheny, who replaces La Russa in St. Louis, and Dale Sveum, who guides the Chicago Cubs, a team trying to end a championship drought dating to 1908.

## Baseball: Pujols, Darvish spark hope as season begins

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Slugger Albert Pujols and Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish will try to help new teammates win a World Series title in the 2012 Major League Baseball (MLB) season that opens today.

Pujols helped the St. Louis Cardinals win last year's World Series but is now playing for the Los Angeles Angels while Darvish, a former star with the Nippon Ham Fighters, was signed by the World Series losers, the Texas Rangers.

MLB's season opener today in Tokyo when the Oakland A's face the Seattle Mariners while the other 28 clubs continue training camps and preseason exhibition games.

The North American opener comes April 4 when the Miami Marlins debut their new stateof-the art ballpark by hosting the Cardinals, followed by a full schedule of games the next day.

The Cardinals will try to repeat behind one of the best pitching rotations in baseball, but they are still sorting out some position battles in other areas.

Even with ace Chris Carpenter starting the year on the injury list, the Cards' pitching should strike fear into opposing lineups.

"It's going to be tough not having (Carpenter), but we didn't have (Adam Wainwright) last year. We stepped it up and did what we had to do," pitcher Jake Westbrook said. St. Louis edged Texas four games to three in the best-of-seven World Series, including a dynamic 11th-inning contest in game six and a rainout in St. Louis that extended the drama an extra day.

But the Cardinals are without former manager Tony La Russa, who announced his retirement after the Cardinals' title run, and three-time National League Most Valuable Player Pujols, who signed a 10-year deal worth \$250 million with the Angels.

One of the more exciting signings in the off-season was the Rangers' acquisition of Darvish, a 25-year-old right-handed sensation.

The two-time defending American League champions spent the most money ever to obtain a Japanese prospect.

The Rangers posted a winning bid of \$51.7 million just for the right to talk with Darvish about a deal, that money going to the Fighters when Darvish signed a sixyear deal with Texas worth \$56 million plus incentives on January 18.

Darvish was 93-38 with a 1.99 earned-run average over 164 starts over seven years in Japan, where he was twice named the league Most Valuable Player.

Last season, Darvish went 18-6 with a career-low 1.44 earned-run average and a career-best 276 strikeouts in 232 innings with six shutouts.

MLB will implement a new expanded playoff format this season by adding two wildcard teams, moving to a 10-game post-season.

An elimination game between two wildcard teams in both the National League and the American League will be held prior to the best-of-five divisional series.

Oakland took a chance in signing free agent Manny Ramirez, who agreed to a minor league contract worth \$500,000.

MLB reduced Ramirez's steroid suspension to 50 games from 100 after he took last season off. Ramirez reported to camp and in his first 18 at-bats in spring training hit a disappointing .167.

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